

# Arrocal Selección Especial 2021 (Red Wine)

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**ARROCAL**

*Selección Especial*  
TINTO FINO 2021  
11.100.000 Litros

En la elaboración de Selección Especial solo se han seleccionado los  
viñedos de Ribera del Duero, "Los Astrales", en el pueblo de Gumiel del  
Mercado, en España, a 830 metros sobre el nivel del mar, con  
suelos de granito y pizarra, con una gran variedad de minerales.  
En este viñedo se cultivan las uvas de Tinta Fina y Tinta Negra.

RIBERA DEL DUERO  
DENOMINACIÓN DE ORIGEN  
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Located in Gumiel del Mercado, in the province of Burgos, our wines are made exclusively from our grapes from soils combined with limestone, sand, clay, and gravel at an altitude of 830m. We have 123 acres of vineyards, the most widespread red variety is "Tinta fina" or "Tempranillo", with approximately 111 acres. Cabernet Sauvignon has 4 acres, Merlot has 2 acres and "Albillo" (white variety) has 4 acres.

In 2003, the construction of our winery was completed. A space equipped with the latest technology, but above all was designed to respect our treasure: our grapes. All processing work is done by gravity, minimizing the damage to the raw material. The main objective is to follow sustainable viticulture, a true reflection of quality wines

<b>Appellation</b>	D.O. Ribera del Duero
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Tempranillo, from the single, 40-year-old Astrales vineyard
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	825 meters / alluvial sand, clay and pebbles
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested fruit, hand sorted at the winery prior to processing
<b>Production</b>	Fermented with native microbes for 20 days in small stainless tanks
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 15 months in French oak barrels; 50% new
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack Size</b>	8437005780019 / 8-437005780040 / 6

## Reviews:

"This is a terrific release from one of Ribera del Duero's fastest rising bodegas. Although the wine is rich, structured, and age-worthy, I was especially impressed by how expressive and easy to enjoy it is at this relatively early stage in its development. ...it is nevertheless only moderately woody, with nice spice and toast notes that enhance rather than obscure the delicious fruit. Similarly, the midpalate and finish show lovely notes of dark cherries and berries that are firmed up by a gentle tug of tannin but not rendered astringent by excessive wood tannins. ..."

**94 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz May 28, 2024

"Bodegas Arrocal's Selección Especial hails from slightly higher elevation vineyards, sitting at eight hundred and fifty-five meters, with these vines having been planted in 1985. They are farmed organically and the wine is fermented with native yeasts, prior to being aged for eighteen months in cask, with half of the barrels new each year. The wine is a touch riper than the 2021 Crianza, coming in at 14.5 percent octane and revealing a superb aromatic constellation of black cherries, black plums, cigar wrapper, complex chalky soil tones, a touch of hazelnut, bitter chocolate, a lovely framing of nutty new oak and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a rock solid core of fruit, lovely soil undertow, ripe tannins and impeccable balance on the long, poised and seamless young finish. Fine, fine juice. 2035- 2075+."

**94 points View from the Cellar;** John Gilman; Issue 109, January – February 2024

2021 Bodegas Arrocal 'Selección Especial' Ribera del Duero- The outstanding 2021 'Selección Especial' comes from the Los Astrales Vineyard which dates back to 1985. This is soft, round and generous on the mouth, delivering a beautiful core of black fruits alongside coffee grounds, violets and shades of graphite. Beautifully structured and layered, enjoy now and over the next ten years. Drink 2024-2034-

**92 Points OwenBargreen.com;** Owen Bargreen - November 18, 2024

"An herbaceous red, offering an overtone of forest scrub, crushed pine, cedar and brambly herb flavors, with a mix of ripe mulberry, plum skin, raspberry and loamy earth notes. This is bright and light on its feet, with well-knit, fine-grained tannins on the plush finish. Drink now through 2029. 1,717 cases made, 750 cases imported."

**91 points Wine Spectator;** Alison Napjus – Issue July 31, 2024.

